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Subject George Herbert MANN and Miss Linda McELWARTH - Letter from H.B.M. Consulate-General.

Made by D.P.S. Killingbeck Forwarded by R. W. MacCallie D.S.I.

With reference to the enquiry from H.B.M. Consulate-General in Shanghai concerning George Herbert MANN and Miss Linda McELWARTH, there are no records of these two persons on file at Headquarters.

Enquiries reveal that George Herbert Mann who was born in 1915, attended St. Francis Xaviers College for a period of eight years. He has a brother, Ronald Mann, with whom he resided for a considerable period, in 9/18 Route de Grouchy, French Concession. He left that address on March 29, 1934, and resided in various boarding houses until he left Shanghai. He was employed as an office clerk with Messrs. Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., 133 Szechuen Road, from July 1, 1932, until November 30, 1936, when he was dischargedfor reasons of economy. He was responsible for the filing of various letters and records in the office and is described as being a particularly dull and unintelligent type of individual. He was found to be honest and straightforward and there is no question of dishonesty being the reason for his dismissal from his position. It is believed that he was recommended to Messrs. Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd by a Mr. G.H.MANN, aged 47, who is on the staff of the Public Works Department, S.M.C. but it is not known whether the two persons are related to each other. Mann is described in the register at Messrs. Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd as British.

Miss Linda McElwarth first came to Shanghai on June 1, 1937. She registered herself at the American Consulate and gave her home address as Mayfield, Kentucky,

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U.S.A. She stated then that she would be staying in Shanghai for approximately three months. She resided at the Clarendon Ladies Club, 55 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, and stayed in Shanghai for approximately six months. She made frequent trips to Nanking and Soochow and other towns in the interior as she is believed to have many friends amongst American missionaries in China. Dr. Nance of the University of Soochow is reported to be a friend of Miss McElwarth.

At that time Miss McElwarth told people at the Clarendon Club that she had lived with her father and brothers at their home in Mayfield, Kentucky, and that they had between them arranged for her to have a holiday trip around the world as she had been working for nine years in an insurance office without a holiday. She became very friendly with Miss Georgina Fuller, the director of the Clarendon Club, and left Shanghai some time after the outbreak of the local Sino-Japanese hostilities. It is thought that she went to Hongkong after leaving Shanghai. On August 28, 1939, Miss McElwarth again arrived in Shanghai, from Hongkong, on board the s.s. President Cleveland. She applied for accommodation at the Clarendon Club but was told that no accommodation would be available for two or three days. Arrangements were eventually made for her to be accommodated at the beginning of September.

Before coming to Shanghai Miss McElwarth wrote to Miss Fuller, explaining that she had obtained a minor position in Hongkong but did not state the capacity in

which she was employed. She told Miss Fuller that she was earning $150 per month and was paying $200 for her board and lodging. She also told Miss Fuller that she was augmenting her salary by buying and selling small quantities of fancy materials.

Since she has resided at the Clarendon Club, Miss McElwarth has never been out unless accompanied by Miss Fuller or one of the residents at the club. She is described as of very nervous disposition and also very indolent. She does not associate very much with the other club members and is not known to have any friends in Shanghai.

All mail for Miss McElwarth is addressed to the American Express Company and is collected by Miss Fuller. Since taking up residence at the Clarendon Club Miss McElwarth has had five letters, all from addresses in the United States.

Miss McElwarth is leaving Shanghai for the United States and has booked a passage for Los Angeles, U.S.A. on the President Coolidge which sails from Shanghai on September 26.

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BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,
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September 5th, 1939.

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My dear Yorke,

Have you by any chance any record of either of the two individuals mentioned below? Both are employees of Tosiniko ETO of the Hongkong Nippo who has now started the Hongkong News, a daily paper in English.

a) George Herbert MANN - age 24. Compositor salary $300.-per month. Claims British nationality but is unable to prove it. Arrived from Shanghai by s.s. MARON in August 1937. Acts as tutor in English to several Japanese residents, including ETO, Shozo KOYAMA (clerk in M.B.K.).
Does not speak Japanese.

b) Miss Linda McELWARTH - age 37. Born Mayfield, Kentucky. U.S.A. passport 343179 issued Washington, D.C., 9.9.36.
Stenographer. Arrived from Honolulu 11.5.39 and is now Secretary to ETO. From her photograph she may be Eurasian (half Japanese).

The woman left Hongkong suddenly for Shanghai on August 26th.

Yours sincerely,

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